

REMARKS

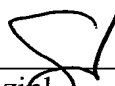
In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 23, 2006, Applicant makes the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of June 23, 2006, at 2, lines 1-6. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance refers to claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 and utilizes language that is different from that recited by these claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1-4 and 7-16, Applicant objects. The claims speak for themselves.

Nonetheless, Applicant agrees that the claimed invention is novel, would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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